

## Obit: John Mark VanHatten

- Mass of Christian Burial for John Mark VanHatten, 82, will be 2:00pm, Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Catholic Church, Conde. Father Thomas VazHappilly will officiate. Burial will follow in St. John's Cemetery, Conde under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Visitation will be held at the church from 4-8pm on Thursday with a wake service at 7:00pm. Visitation will continue Friday at 1:00pm.
- Mark died August 02, 2005 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.
- John Mark VanHatten was born on May 3, 1923 to Anthony and Rose (Bass) VanHatten near Randolf, South Dakota. He attended and graduated from Brentford High School. He united in marriage to Alice Rock on October 4, 1948 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Aberdeen. Mark and Alice made their home on a farm two miles south of Conde. Mark farmed for many years before his retirement and then continued to help others in the farming community.
- Mark was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Conde. He took great pride in being a board member for James Valley Telecommunications for 45 years. Mark loved hunting, farming and his family. He enjoyed playing cards and spending time with the many children that he and Alice took care of. In earlier years, he helped many members of the community with handyman projects.
- Grateful to have shared in his life are his children; Rick (Wendy) VanHatten of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, Mary (Merlin) Worlie of Aberdeen, Tim (Cynthia) VanHatten of Conde, Ann (Dave) Bartells of Aurora, Colorado, nine grandchildren; Paul (Nancy) Worlie, Jim VanHatten, Andrew Worlie, Brian VanHatten, Clinton (Amanda) VanHatten, Eric Bartells, Evan Bartells, Allison VanHatten, Adrienne VanHatten, one great-grandson, Jack Worlie, his brother, David (Margaret) VanHatten of New Brighton, Minnesota and two sisters; Frances (Lansford) Trapp of Brookings and Helen (Van) Vanderwelt of Pasadena, Texas.
- Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife and four siblings.
- Honorary Casketbearers will be Mark's card playing friends.
- Casketbearers will be his grandchildren; Paul, Jim, Andrew, Clinton, Eric, Evan, Allison and Adrienne.